

**Town of Felton  
Town Council Meeting  
October 10, 2022  
6:38 pm**

Mayor Clendaniel called the Town Council Meeting of Felton to order at 6:38 pm on Monday, October 10, 2022. Present at the meeting were:

**Council Members:** Mayor Joanne Clendaniel, Vice Mayor David Kelley, Bill Brittingham, and Diana Dolan-Beulah.

**Staff:** Chief Guild, Town Manager, Amy Thomas and Town Clerk, Tracey Thompson.

**Public:** Residents Andria Paskey, Dick & Sandy Jones, Debbie Virdin, Lisa Hearing, Adam & Jana Jarrell, Steve Murphy, William & Sandra Wood and Marquise Broom. Representative from Langan, Brian Concon, and from Con Edison Clean Energy, Joe Shanahan.

**Citizen's Concerns:**

Mr. Murphy expressed his concerns with the influx of golf carts riding in town and questioned if they were permitted. Chief Guild responded it is not permitted to drive golf carts in town limits or on any road way. If anyone is caught riding, they will be pulled over and ticketed.

**Police Report:**

Chief Guild presented the September 2022 police report. He acknowledged Corporal Simms received the Office of Highway Traffic Safety Star Award at this year's conference. There were no questions or concerns.

**Motion:** Vice Mayor Kelley made a motion to accept the September 2022 Police Report. Councilmember Dolan-Beulah seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Felton Fire Company Report:**

Mr. Brittingham presented the September 2022 fire company report. They had a total of 36 alarms for the month of September. He mentioned that tonight was the first night the new truck was in service with their new squad.

**Budget Report:**

Amy presented the September 2022 Budget report. Police Department was awarded new Funds to Combat Violent Crime grant of \$20,303.12. There were no questions or concerns.

**Motion:** Vice Mayor Kelley made a motion to accept the September 2022 Budget Report. Councilmember Dolan-Beulah seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Public Works Report:**

Amy presented the September 2022 Public Works Report. There were no questions or concerns.

**Minutes:**

Mayor Clendaniel presented the September 12, 2022 Public Hearing Minutes, September 12, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes and the October 5, 2022 Planning and Zoning Minutes. There were no questions or concerns.

**Motion:** Vice Mayor Kelley made a motion to accept the September 12, 2022 Public Hearing Minutes, September 12, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes, and the October 5, 2022 Planning and Zoning Minutes. Councilmember Dolan-Beulah seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

**2023 Holiday Calendar:**

Amy presented the 2023 holiday calendar. There were no questions or concerns.

**Motion:** Councilmember Brittingham made a motion to accept the 2023 holiday calendar. Vice Mayor Kelley seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Conditional use – Lot 6 Walnut Street- Solar Farm:**

Vice Mayor Kelley asked how the Solar Farm will benefit the town? Joe replied the solar farm will give the residents a chance to become subscribers so they can earn credits towards their electric bill, green energy and tax revenue will increase once the solar farm is reassessed. He also stated that it will not burden the local fire company, police department and our school system. Vice Mayor Kelley asked if they will be boring under the train tracks or go above them to connect to the substation. Joe responded that they will tie into the power lines since the cost is too high to bore under the train tracks. Vice Mayor Kelley asked what would happens if someone climbed over the fence and will they get hurt? Joe responded they won't get hurt and he reassured him that he has never had an incident like that.

Vice Mayor Kelley questioned their quarterly property maintenance they will perform, his concern is in the summer months when grass needs to be cut more often. The town ordinance is not to go above 10 inches and Joe explained that they will install a pulmonary mesh under the panels so grass does not grow under the panels. They cannot allow the grass to grow over the bottom edge of the panels because it will cause issues with the panels. They use a particular seed mix for low maintenance grass which will keep the grass from being in violation. Vice Mayor Kelley asked Mrs. Paskey how many homes were approved to build on the that lot prior to wanting the solar farm; which she answered 56 homes. There was more discussion on the pros and cons of solar farm versus home development.

**Motion:** Councilmember Dolan-Beulah made a motion to accept the Conditional Use for Lot 6 Walnut Street Solar Farm. Councilmember Brittingham seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mayor

Clendaniel-yes, Vice Mayor Kelley- yes, Councilmember Brittingham- yes, and Councilmember Dolan-Beulah- yes.

**Discuss/ Vote New Town Auditor:**

Amy stated she reached out to multiple municipalities and their auditors to receive estimates and feedback. Some were not accepting new clients and she didn't get responses from a couple others. She did receive feedback from Lank, Johnson and Tull and they are able to start our audit and she would like to use them to conduct the FY22 audit.

**Motion:** Councilmember Brittingham made a motion to accept Lank, Johnson and Tull as the new auditors for the Town. Vice Mayor Kelley seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Discussion of Christmas Parade:**

Amy stated that there has already been discussion about doing something different for Christmas instead of Santa at Town Hall. Many of the small towns have Christmas parades and we would like to try to have one in Town this year. Tracey added that if we plan to have ours the week Santa comes to Odd Fellows Park it could be a great way to kick off Santa in town. There was more discussion on the parade and it was decided the staff will start the planning process for the parade. Tracey stated she would like to sell the Town of Felton t-shirts in order to raise money for more community events in the town. We could do a preorder sale and the proceeds could go towards the community events line in the budget.

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm.**

**Motion:** Councilmember Dolan-Beulah made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Mayor Kelley seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

These minutes were prepared by Tracey Thompson, Town Clerk.

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Tracey Thompson, Town Clerk

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